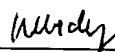


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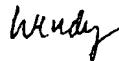
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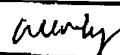
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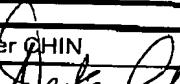
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Applicant : Dominique **MANGELINCK**
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Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.182

Sir:

In response to the Decision mailed on June 25, 2004 (Decision) in the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration on the merits for the petition under 37 CFR § 1.182 (Petition) filed on May 26, 2004.

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In the Decision, the Examiner dismissed the Petition without prejudice for the following reasons:

- i) although the EFS software may be used to file a continuation of a PCT application, it does not permit the filing of a national stage application based on a PCT application;
- ii) the fact that Applicant may have incorrectly entered text into the "Continuing Data" field does not enable Applicant to submit an impermissible application type; and
- iii) Applicant has failed to show sufficient cause (e.g., the loss of patent rights) for the Petition to be granted.

With respect to point i), Applicant respectfully disagrees. Applicant refers the Examiner to the Continuity Data page under the Application Data Sheet section of the EFS software. *See Exhibit A.* As clearly evident, the Continuity Data page allows an applicant to select that the electronically filed application is the national phase of an international application under 35 U.S.C. § 371. *See Exhibit A, element a.* Applicant therefore submits that the EFS software does permit the filing of a national stage application based on a PCT application.

As to point ii), Applicant also respectfully disagrees. The Application Data Sheet is automatically generated by the EFS software based on information provided in the various pages under the Application Data Sheet section, such as from the Continuity Data page as discussed above. *See Exhibit B.* Since the Application Data Sheet is automatically generated by the EFS software, Applicant could not have incorrectly entered text into the "Continuing Data" field of the Application Data Sheet as stated by the Examiner. As clearly indicated by

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the automatically generated Application Data Sheet, the EFS software does recognize that the electronically filed application is a "National Stage of SG application number PCT/SG02/00174, filed 2002-07-31, now Published". *See Exhibit B, element b.* Applicant therefore submits that a national stage application based on an international application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 is a permitted application type and that the EFS software does permit and recognize the filing of such an application.

Furthermore, the specification, as originally filed, under the EFS software contains a reference clearly indicating that the Application is a National Stage of the International Application. *See Exhibit C, element c.* Applicant therefore submits that the Application fully complies with 37 CFR 1.495(g) by clearly identifying it as a submission to enter national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371.

As for point iii), Applicant submits that failure to grant this renewed petition would cause the application to lose its priority date of July 31, 2002, resulting in Applicant's subsequent loss of patent rights. Therefore, sufficient cause has been shown for this petition to be granted.

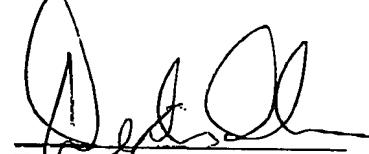
In view of the evidence presented, Applicant respectfully requests that this renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.182 be granted, recognizing that US Application No. 10/707,968 is a national stage of PCT Application No. PCT/SG02/00174 under 35 U.S.C. §371. Issuance of a corrected formal filing receipt is respectfully requested and most appreciated.

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Respectfully submitted,



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- Attach files to the project
- Validate the project
- Submit to USPTO
- Obtain acknowledgement receipt

Continuity Data

Continuity Information	Application ID	Filing Date	Filing Status
This application is a 371 of international application PCT/SG02/00174	PCT/SG02/00174	2002-07-31	SG Published

Relationship

This application is a Seed application is a continuation of division of continuation in part of a 371 of international application
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Application Information

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Country: SINGAPORE (SG)

Status:

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APPLICATION DATA SHEET

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Customer Number:	031366	*031366*	
Continuing Data:			
This is a National Stage of SG application number PCT/SG02/00174, filed 2002-07-31 , now Published.			
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Exhibit C

SPECIFICATION

[Electronic Version 1.2.8]

GATE ELECTRODES AND THE FORMATION THEREOF

Cross Reference to Related Applications

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This application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/SG02/00174, filed July 31, 2002, and which was published in English under PCT Article 21(2) as WO 03/012876 A1 on February 13, 2003. The international application claims priority to Singaporean Application No. 200104614-3, filed July 31, 2001.

Background of Invention

[0001] Referring to Figure 1 of the accompanying drawings, a complementary metal oxide semiconductor (CMOS) transistor comprises an n channel MOS (NMOS) and a p channel MOS (PMOS). Historically, a polycrystalline n+-Si gate is used as a gate electrode both in NMOS and PMOS transistors. For PMOS transistors additional boron implantation into the channel region of the Si substrate is needed to control the threshold voltage because of the low work function of n+-Si. This can produce short channel effects and large sub-threshold currents and thus the PMOS transistor is less scaleable than the NMOS transistor. In order to solve this problem, a dual gate configuration where polycrystalline n+-Si and p+-Si are used as the gate for the NMOS and PMOS transistors, respectively, has been suggested. However, the dual gate CMOS has drawbacks, most notably boron penetration (for PMOS) through the gate oxide and the poly-depletion effect. Instead of using a dual gate, a material with a work function close to the value of the middle of the bandgap of silicon (4.61 eV), can be used for both NMOS and PMOS transistors. A material with such a work function is called a mid-gap material and the process utilising this material for a gate electrode is known as mid-gap CMOS technology.

[0002] In addition, the contact surface of the gate electrode is actually provided by a silicide layer (TiSi₂, CoSi₂, PtSi₂, PtSi or NiSi) on top of the polycrystalline Si gate (e.g. n+-Si) in current CMOS fabrication processes. At relatively high temperatures (e.g. 600°C), the silicide film is usually degraded by two phenomena: Inversion and agglomeration. Inversion is due to the grain growth of Si during the formation of